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SUMMARY. ON JUNE 15, US DEFAD LEGERE CALLED ON CANADIAN
DEFAD OLSON TO DISCUSS LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH. OLSON
ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BOTH THE US VIEWS ON PROGRAM
MONITORS FOR ALL NINE PROGRAM AREAS, AND ON THE CREATION
OF AN ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS. OLSON ALSO SUPPORTED
THE IDEA OF GETTING THE CONCEPT OF PROGRAM MONITORS
OUT ON THE TABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY INCLUDING IT
IN THE PETRIGNANI REPORT (REF C REFERS). BY SO DOING,
HE SAID, THE EWG COULD ASSUME ITS PROPER PLACE AS OVERALL
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COORDINATOR FOR LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH AND NOT BE OUT-
MANEUVERED BY SOME OTHER NATO BODY ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE THE
LTDP REINS. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON JUNE 15, DEFAD CALLED ON CANADIAN DEFAD OLSON TO
DISCUSS LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH. SPECIFICALLY, DEFAD FOCUSED
ON TWO BASIC IDEAS: PROGRAM MONITORS AND CREATION OF THE

POST OF ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS.

2. DRAWING ON REF B, DEFAD PROVIDED A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE US VIEWED THE FUNCTIONS OF PROGRAM MONITORS FOR ALL NINE PROGRAM AREAS. OLSON SAID HE FULLY AGREED THAT SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT THE DEFAD DESCRIBED WAS NEEDED. HE SAID CANADA NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CONCEPT OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS. CANADA OBJECTED TO DESIGNATING PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN THE LTDP REPORT BECAUSE CANADA BELIEVED WE SHOULD WAIT TO SEE HOW FOLLOW-UP EMERGED AS A RESULT OF DPC AND SUMMIT ACTION. OLSON WENT ON TO RECALL THAT THE FOLLOW-THROUGH PROCEDURES WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE EWG FOR THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES RESULTED IN A LOT OF PAPER WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY IGNORED. HE SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH OVERALL CONTROL OF LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH IN THE EWG, AND TO PIN THE PROGRAM MONITORS DOWN BY SPECIFYING EXACTLY WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM BY MEANS OF GOOD SOLID TOR WITH TIME TABLES AND MILESTONES. DEFAD SAID THAT ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FLEX STUDIES AND THE LTDP WAS THAT LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH WAS DIRECTED BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THE SUMMIT. AS A RESULT, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT MINISTERS WILL WANT TO BE INFORMED OF STATUS. HE SAID THE EWG IS THE LOGICAL BODY TO MAINTAIN THE OVERALL CONTROL OF FOLLOW-THROUGH, PERHAPS BY CONSOLIDATING THE REPORTS OF THE PROGRAM MONITORS AND HIGHLIGHTING CERTAIN

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ELEMENTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM AREAS THAT ARE DOING WELL OR THOSE NEEDING SHORING UP.

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3. OLSON SAID ONE OF HIS PROBLEMS WAS MAKING SURE THAT OTTAWA MOVED OUT SMARTLY ON THOSE MEASURES TO WHICH CANADA WAS COMMITTED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. HE SAID THAT THE CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THE DPQ WOULD BE ONE VEHICLE HE WOULD ENCOURAGE OTTAWA TO USE. DEFAD SAID THAT MAINTAINING THE IDENTITY OF THE LTDP AS WELL AS RETAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE NINE PROGRAM AREAS WAS CENTRAL TO THE US VIEW ON FOLLOW-THROUGH BY PROGRAM MONITORS. HE ASKED OLSON IF A SEPARATE ANNEX TO THE DPQ FOR LTDP MEASURES MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO CANADA. OLSON SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

4. DEFAD SAID HE NOW BELIEVED THAT, FROM HIS CONTACTS WITH THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS, THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM MONITOR CONCEPT. THE IS ON THE OTHER HAND SEEMS TO FEEL THAT THE SO-CALLED PETRIGNANI REPORT SHOULD BE NON-CONTROVERSIAL TO THE POINT OF NOT ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM MONITORS -- UNDER THE GUISE OF NOT WANTING TO DELAY FOLLOW-UP ACTION. OLSON

REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY TO SPECIFY IN THE PETRIGNANI REPORT WHO EACH PROGRAM MONITOR WILL BE, HE BELIEVED THAT THE REPORT SHOULD AT LEAST CONTAIN THE IDEA OF PROGRAM MONITORS AND WHAT THEIR FUNCTIONS MIGHT BE. IN FACT HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE SOME URGENCY IN GETTING THE PROGRAM MONITOR CONCEPT OUT ON THE TABLE (VIA THE PETRIGNANI REPORT) BECAUSE OF WHAT HE PERCEIVES AS A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY THE MC TO SEIZE THE HIGH GROUND ON LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH. HE ADDED THAT THE EWG WAS THE PROPER BODY TO SUPERVISE LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH NOT THE

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MC OR SOME QUASI-BODY SUCH AS ASYG MUMFORD'S BELOVED EDITORIAL BOARD. HE SAID THAT NATIONS (THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE EWG) MUST IMPULSE THE LTDP MEASURES AND TAKE DECISIONS ON THEM AS THEY MATURE.

5. ON THE CREATION OF AN ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS POST, OLSON COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE POSITIVE. HE HAD HEARD THE PROPOSAL COVERING THE MACBRIEN POST (PARA 5, REF A) AND SAID THAT CANADA FAVORED IT AS PROBABLY THE MOST CONVENIENT ANSWER. HE CAUTIONED THAT GERMANY WOULD BE THE MOST VIGOROUS HOLD-OUT ON THE ISSUE; AND ADDED THAT GERMANY NOTWITHSTANDING, A VIABLE LOGISTICS ORGANIZATION AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL IN NATO HEADQUARTERS COULD TAKE A LOT OF PRESSURE OFF NATIONS. AT THE PRESENT

TIME, NATIONS MAKE THEIR OWN SEPARATE LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FRG WHO HOLDS THE LOGISTICS KEY IN THE CENTRAL REGION. HE SAID THAT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE FRG TO RELINQUISH ITS LOGISTICS KEY TO A CENTRALIZED BODY
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IN NATO WILL DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF THE ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS AND THE AFCENT LOGISTICS COMMAND ISSUES.

6. COMMENT. OLSON'S ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF AN ASYG FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS NEEDS TO BE TEMPERED BY TWO CONSIDERATIONS: 1) OLSON IS A LOGISTICIAN EXPERIENCED IN THE LOGISTICS PROBLEMS OF THE CENTRAL REGION AND THE ENTHUSIASM MAY BE MORE HIS OWN THAN HIS GOVERNMENT'S; AND 2) CANADA PROVIDED NO VISIBLE SUPPORT FOR THE ISSUE DURING THE WEEKS THE EWG, AND LATER THE DPC/PS, DEVELOPED THE LTDP REPORT. HOWEVER, ON THE ASYG ISSUE, AND THE PROGRAM MONITORS ISSUE AS WELL, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY OLSON'S COMMENTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT CANADA IS BACK IN OUR LTDP CAMP -- ON FOLLOW-THROUGH ANYWAY. END COMMENT. GLITMAN

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